

*February 12, 2012*

*K-Group Questions*

- 1. Why is the issue of fasting raised in this text?*
- 2. What is significant about the parables in this passage?*
- 3. How do the issue of fasting and these parables relate to following Jesus?*
- 4. Can you consistently embrace a lifestyle that is joyless and contrary to the word of God and be a follower of Christ?*
- 5. What things in your life are 'old' and need to be discarded for the 'new' (Ephesians 4:17-24 and Colossians 3:9-17)?*



# Providence Baptist

## *Proclaiming the Sovereign Majesty of God*

*Satan is a troubler of our souls. He will test you as to your fear of the future: 'What will become of you if God should bring you into such and such affliction or trial, when you must burn at the stake or deny the Lord, or when all your outward estate is torn from you, and there is no money in your purse? Do you dare to think that your faith will hold out in such an hour of temptation?' He is tossing you a snare. He is seeking by the fear of future troubles to get you to neglect your present duty, and then be unprepared for your future trials when they come. If a man has a great amount of business to do the next day, he needs to put it out of his mind the night before, to get the rest he needs to be prepared for the next day. The less rest the soul has in God now, the less strength it will find to bear trials when the pinch comes. Comfort your soul with three plain conclusions: (1) Every event is the product of God's providence; not a sparrow, must less a saint falls to the ground by poverty, sickness, or persecution, but the hand of God is in it. (2) God has promised, 'I will never leave you, nor forsake you' (Heb. 13:5). God will teach his servants all they need to know. At the first moment of your spiritual life, suffering grace was infused into you as well as praying grace. (3) God in wisdom conceals the comforts he intends to give you at the various stages of your life, so that he may encourage your hearts to full dependence upon his faithful promises now. Thus, to try the metal of Abraham's faith, he let him go on, until his hand was stretched forth to slay Isaac, and then he came to his rescue. Christ sent his disciples to sea, but stayed behind himself, with the design to test their faith, and show his love. Comfort yourself with this: though you do not see God in the way, yet you will find him in the end.*

**—William Gurnall**

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*Please enter reverently and silence all communication devices.  
Parents with crying children may use the conference room.*

***Preparation for Worship***

***“Praise the LORD!  
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!”  
Psalm 106:1 (ESV)***

***Prelude to Worship.....Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper***

***Chiming of the Hour***

***Worship in Music .....Adult Choir  
Wondrous Love  
Arr. Arlen Clarke***

***Invocation***

***“Who can utter the mighty deeds of the LORD,  
or declare all his praise?  
Blessed are they who observe justice,  
who do righteousness at all times!”  
Psalm 106:2-3 (ESV)***

***\*Call to Worship.....Crown Him with Many Crowns  
(page 234)***

***\*Scripture Reading ..... Isaiah 51:9-16***

***Confession of Sin and Pastoral Prayer***

***Adoration***

***“Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name  
and glory in your praise.”  
Psalm 106:47 (ESV)***

***Hymn .....God, Our Father, We Adore Thee (page 268)  
\*He Lifted Me (page 522)***

*\*Scripture Reading ..... Luke 5:33-39*

*Worship in Tithes and Offerings.....Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

***Exposition***

*“Yet he saved them for his name's sake,  
that he might make known his mighty power.  
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry,  
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.  
So he saved them from the hand of the foe  
and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.  
And the waters covered their adversaries; not one of them was left.  
Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.”  
Psalm 106:8-12 (ESV)*

*Pastor Jess Smith ..... Luke 5:33-39*

***Consecration***

*“They forgot God, their Savior,  
who had done great things in Egypt,  
wondrous works in the land of Ham,  
and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.  
Therefore he said he would destroy them—  
had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him,  
to turn away his wrath from destroying them.”  
Psalm 106:21-23 (ESV)*

*\*Hymn of Commitment.....Tell Me the Story of Jesus  
(page 172)*

***Benediction***

*“Save us, O LORD our God,  
and gather us from among the nations,  
that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.  
Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say, ‘Amen!’ Praise the LORD!”  
Psalm 106:47-48 (ESV)*

*Postlude.....Amelia Kelly  
Glen Harper*

*\*Congregation please stand*